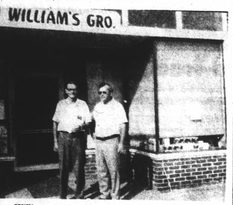
THEN and NOW!

By Frances H. Paulette



Woodrow Williams pauses for a few minutes in front of the store with his nephew, H. T. Williams, Jr. who bought the business when Williams retired on Sept. 5, 1977.

"Take Me Out To The Ball Game"

On a recent visit to Williams Grocery Store, Main Street, Pamplin, Va., the first person I encountered as I approached the building was a gentleman I did not know. In what I hoped was a tactful manner, I introduced myself and learned that he was the assistant pastor of the Gravel Hill Baptist Church, the Rev. Howard Flood.

"Rev. Flood," I asked, (rather bluntly, I'm afraid), I would really appreciate it if you would give me your honest opinion of Mr. Woodrow Williams." Although I am sure my request was rather shocking, he answered without a moment of hesitation. With a happy smile spreading across his face he said, "I sure will! I've been doing business with Mr. Williams ever since he has been in business and in all of that time he has always served the people of Pamplin and the surrounding areas with dignity and courtesy; I'm telling you, he will really be missed!"

Missed? Just what did he mean by missed? Well, it's finally happened; after twenty-seven years in business in Pamplin, Woodrow Williams retired on Monday, Sept. 5, 1977. I can just imagine the thoughts racing around in your mind . . . "Pamplin without a Williams Grocery Store, why that just won't be Pamplin; I don't like the idea a bit!" Hey, wait a minute before you worry!

Although Woodrow Williams did retire on Sept. 5, this does not mean that Williams Grocery retired too! Mr. Williams sold his business to H. T. Williams, Jr., his nephew. When you look up over the door as you approach the store and see the Williams Grocery Store sign, rest assured that when you go inside you will enjoy the same Williams brand of courtesy and the same friendly atmosphere that has brought customers back again and again. In fact, I feel sure that for a while anyway, you will find Woodrow there helping his nephew as he gets accustomed to the routine of the store.

"Woody" Williams, ready to play ball!

One young man, Bennie Jones, 13 said; "I've been coming in here for a long time, and I'm really going to miss him" Later, after the young man had left the store, Mr. Williams told me of an incident that happened just the week before. The young man came in the store and said to Woodrow, "Mr. Williams, after you retire I am really going to miss you. I wonder if it would be O.K. with you if I come to your house to see you now and then?" There was a look of sincere appreciation in the eyes of the store owner as he talked of his many friends, both young and old.

Williams, born and reared in Pamplin, is a son of the late Emmitt and Martha Williams. He is married to the former Mamie Inge. They are the parents of four daughters; Lynn Williams Grimes of Alemeda, California; Kitty Williams Perrin of Southhampton, Pa., Martha Williams Savitz of Roanoke, Va., and Pam Williams of Pamplin.

Possibly some of you may be wondering just what a man, so trim and seemingly fit will do after retirement. Does he have interests, hobbies? You had better believe it!

"Woody" Williams may have been in the grocery business for twenty-seven years, but the years before that were pretty busy, too!

It was in 1948 when, after getting an arm injury, Williams' fourteen year long career in professional baseball came to a halt. During his career he played for the Brooklyn Dodgers and the Cincinnati Reds. It was in 1943 he tied a National League Record for the "most consecutive hits during season" by rapping out ten straight. He is one of seven players to share the record which still stands.

Williams, after graduating from Pamplin High School he began his baseball career in Lynchburg, Va. with the Cutters Club in 1932. The Cutters Club sponsored by Craddock-Terry Shoe Company was the winner of the state semi-professional championship that year.

In 1934 Williams was in the Bi-State League, Leaksville, N.C. and the following year went to spring training with the Brooklyn Dodgers in Clearwater, Fla.

Even though baseball was the love of his life, it was not all fun and fame. In 1936 he was struck in the temple by a fast ball and suffered a triple skull fracture; the Dodgers sent him to their Dayton, Ohio farm where he was assigned following this head injury.

In 1938 Williams was playing with the Dodgers at Ebbets Field in Brooklyn. The next year he was sold to the Louisville Colonels (a Boston Red Sox Farm Club at that time) along with four other players and $50,000 in exchange for Peewee Reese. Williams comment on that was "ain't that sumpin?"

While he was in Louisville, Joe Cronin of the Boston Red Sox had his eye on the talented Williams and realized he was a player with more than average promise but Williams didn't go with the Red Sox. On September 10, 1940 Williams was acquired by the Cincinnati Reds and remained with them for six years. It was during his tour with Cincinnati as second baseman that he tied the consecutive hits record.

Williams was urged by fellow ballplayers to go to umpire school but decided against it, preferring instead to return to life in the country . . . Pamplin Country!

A member of the Pamplin United Methodist Church, Williams is interested in community affairs; he also has a keen interest in hunting and fishing.

No, I don't think you have to worry about how Woodrow Williams will fill his time after retirement. I can sum it up in one word - - happily!

The people of Pamplin are glad that in the days of THEN there was a Williams Grocery Store, that there is one NOW, and there will be a Williams Grocery Store in the future, too!!

Happy retirement Woodrow Williams! Congratulations on your new business Howard Williams, Jr.!

New Hope Baptist Church Homecoming Set For Sun., Sept. 18

Rev. Omar G. Burnett, a former pastor of New Hope Baptist and now living in Nathalie, Virginia, will preach for the morning worship service for Homecoming at New Hope this Sunday, September 18. Rev. Burnett is now serving as interim pastor of the Midway Baptist Church in Phenix. He and his wife, the former Eloise O'Brien of Appomattox, will be coming "home" to New Hope, a church he pastored in the early years of his ministry. He succeeded his father, who also pastored at New Hope.

The Homecoming activities will begin with the Sunday School hour at 10:00 a.m., followed by the morning worship service at 11:00 a.m. and dinner-on-the-grounds at 12:30 p.m. Concluding the day of special activities will be a Singspiration in the church sanctuary at 2:00 p.m. This special program of music will feature some soloists, plus talented groups of duets, trios, quartets, and perhaps some family groups, all members of New Hope. Members, former members, and friends of New Hope are invited to come and share in the day of worship, renewal of friendship, food, and fellowship this coming Sunday, September 18.

Virginia Fibre Reports Wood Purchases For Week

Listed below is the total dollar volume of wood purchased by Virginia Fibre Corporation of Riverville for the week ending September 4, 1977. Purchases are listed by counties—

Albermarle	$3,076.07
Amelia	814.33
Amherst	3,984.23
Appomattox	7,157.63
Augusta	---
Bedford County	3,123.57
Buckingham	9,349.95
Campbell	6,639.13
Charlotte	---
Cumberland	4,033.47
Pluvanna	869.70
Goochland	2,544.98
Louisa	277.15
Nelson	20,983.11
New Kent	---
Pittsylvania	2,168.58
Prince Edward	7,331.71

We feel this information will be of interest to readers not only in Appomattox County, but in adjoining counties.

BOYCE SERVING ON DESTROYER

SEPT. 7 - Navy Fireman Recruit George E. Boyce, son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Boyce of Rt. 1, Pamplin, Va., has reported for duty aboard the destroyer USS Sellers, homeported at Charleston, S.C.

MARTIN'S NURSERY SCHOOL OPENS - Mrs. Samuel R. (Sue) Martin is the new owner and operator of Martin's Nursery School on Route 635. Children ages 3 and 4 are enrolled in the nursery school which operates from 8:45 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. week days.

Left to right, in the above photo, are Tony Harvey, J. P. Wilson, Steve Stratton, Matthew Dell, Mrs. Martin, Ben Martin, Steve Hodge, and Jimmy Dorety.

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Wednesday, September 14

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Thursday, September 15

Adult Flower Show and Baked Products for Homemakers; Fireworks at 10 p.m.

BEAUTY CONTESTS — "Junior Miss" contest at 8:00 p.m., in the Arena, followed by the "Miss Five County Fair" contest at 8:30 p.m.

Friday, September 16

SENIOR CITIZENS' TALENT SHOW in the Varner Building at 8:00 p.m. Admission free.

Saturday, September 17

HOMECOMING — Closing night. Everything will be in full swing. Junior Talent show at 8 p.m. Followed by the Adult Talent Show. All your friends will be present.

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Revival Planned At Bethel Church

The Rev. Michael H. Browder, 25, pastor of the Prospect United Methodist Circuit, will conduct revival services at the Bethel United Methodist Church near Stonewall, September 15 - 18, at 7:30 each night. He will also preach there Sunday morning, September 18, at 9:45.

Thursday night, the 15th, he will preach on "What is the Question?" Matthew 16:13-17. Later in the weekend, he will speak on "That's What You Think," Romans 2:1-8, "A four-letter word," First John 1:7-13, "Junior Samples and Sambo," Luke 6:27-38, and "I'm not Ashamed," Romans 1:16.

Rev. Browder is an alumnus of Duke University, where he received the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1972. His theological studies were undertaken at the Harvard Divinity School and the Duke Divinity School. He has recently begun doctoral work at Duke University.

Browder has an extensive background in rural work, despite his youth. He has conducted revivals for some years with his father, the Rev. Arville H. Browder, who is a pastor in South Boston.

The Bethel United Methodist Church is about one hundred years old. It is one of three churches on the Appomattox Circuit, under the pastoral direction of the Rev. James M. Becker since 1976.

Homecoming Planned At Spout Spring Church

Spout Spring Baptist Church will observe Homecoming at the church on Sunday, October 2, 1977.

Members, former members and friends are invited to attend.

JEN'S PARTY SHOP, located at 710 Church Street in Appomattox (the building formerly occupied by Rosie Mae's Beauty Shop), will hold a Grand Opening on Friday, September 16, from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. and again on Saturday, September 17 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Prizes, first, second and third, will be given away at a drawing on Saturday at 4 p.m.

The shop, owned and operated by Mrs. Virginia Hancock, will feature homemade candy, candy making supplies, cake decorating supplies, cake pans, molds, cake boards, doilies, boxes, decorator tools, wedding and novelty ornaments, birthday party and wedding accessories. Cakes, birthday cakes, wedding cakes and anniversary cakes, made to order, are another feature of the shop.

Mrs. Hancock will also offer classes, beginner and adults, in cake decorating and candy making to be held daytime and evening.

During the two-day Grand Opening, all supplies in the shop will be offered at a 10% discount. You are invited to come in, browse, buy, and order that special cake for that special occasion.

5-FOOT BLACK SNAKE KILLED

Virginia Lee Franklin is shown holding a five-foot long black snake killed by her mother as it was coming across the road.

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ROCKS

Rocks - Sept. 12 - Best wishes go to all youth who are returning to school for a safe and successful year.

So thankful for the wonderful rains last week.

The Pastors Conference at Evergreen Church on September 12 at 10:30. Wives and missionary speakers included.

Whit Woodall entered Lynchburg General Hospital on Tuesday after being at home only a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Garrett and Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge returned from a few days camping in Kentucky last week.

Mrs. Alice Jackson returned home from Virginia Baptist Hospital on Wednesday much improved.

Larry and Steve Williams of Waynesboro were in the neighborhood on Friday.

A few from here attended the 40th Annual meeting of the Southside Electric Cooperative in Crewe on Saturday.

Sympathy is extended the Stockton family in their recent bereavement last week.

Remember the Five County Fair begins today, September 13th thru Sept. 17th.

Rocks Church taking part in the World Mission Conference that started Sunday Sept. 11th with Rev. James Clegg as guest speaker at 11:00 a.m. and Rev. J. Stewart Sunday night at 7:30 p.m., Mrs. Jack Comer Monday at 7:30 p.m., Mary Jane Wharton Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., and the final mission speaker will be Rev. Winfrey Durrett at 7:30 p.m.

PAMPLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MENU

Mon., Sept. 19 - Hot dogs, french fries, green beans, chocolate chip cookies, milk.

Tues., Sept. 20 - Bologna & cheese sandwich, buttered corn, apple sauce, cookie, milk.

Wed., Sept. 21 - Fried chicken, green lima beans, sliced tomatoes, bread, milk.

Thurs., Sept. 22 - Salisbury steak, corn on cob, blackeyed peas, rolls, butter, fruit, milk.

Fri., Sept. 23 - Cheese burgers, baked beans, cole slaw, chocolate cake, milk

7:30 p.m.

Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. all circles of Baptist Women at Church with Missionary.

Thursday at 10:00 Associational B W M U meeting at church with all missionaries. Lunch will be served.

All are invited to hear first hand what our representatives in Mission Work are doing.

A surprise Birthday Party was given Rev. A. M. Taylor on Wednesday night. Coke and homemade Ice Cream were served. It was most delightful.

It was good to have Mrs. Gladys Anderson back after a delightful trip out west.

Mrs. Clarence Richardson and Mrs. Gladys Harvey were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Richardson, Ronnie and Mike on Sunday.

Many attended the Field Day at Evergreen Ruritan Meeting on Saturday.

REV. EDGAR A. POTTS

Will Conduct Revival At Memorial United Methodist Church

Rev. Edgar A. Potts of Lynchburg will be the guest speaker for revival services at Memorial United Methodist Church September 18 through September 22nd. Services of commitment and celebration will be held each night at 7:30 p.m. emphasizing the theme "Committed to Christ - Called to Change."

Rev. Potts was Superintendent of the Lynchburg District when Memorial United Methodist Church was in that District. He has a faithful and distinguished record of ministry throughout the Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Rev. Potts will preach Sunday morning and meet with the youth for supper at 6 p.m.

All are invited to join the congregation at Memorial for fellowship and worship.

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PAMPLIN 4-H CLUB HELD MEETING

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